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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. THIS IS TO ALERT YOU TO MOSCOW 7557 ON THE PLANNED ARRIVAL OF THE SOVIET CTB/NON-PROLIFERATION WORKING GROUP DELEGATION. THEY WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON JUNE 9 AND MOROKHOV POINTEDLY ASKED ME TO INFORM HIM OF WHAT "PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS" THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE MAKING FOR HIS GROUP (14 MEMBERS). I TAKE THIS AS VEILED REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT THE SOVIETS PAID AT LEAST THE INITIAL HOTEL BILLS OF THE U.S. PNE DELEGATION WHEN IT WAS IN MOSCOW TO NEGOTIATE THE PNE TREATY. SINCE MANY OF THIS GROUP WILL BE THE SAME ONES WHO NEGOTIATED ON THE SOVIET SIDE THEN, I SUSPECT THEY MAY BE LOOKING FOR RECIPROCAL TREATMENT FROM THE USG NOW; OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SIMPLY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH THEIR EMBASSY AND NOT RAISE THE QUESTION WITH US. I SUGGEST YOU TALK TO BUCHEIM OR ANOTHER MEMBER OF OUR PNE GROUP AND FIND OUT JUST HOW MUCH OF THE BILL FOR THEIR STAYS IN MOSCOW WAS PAID BY THE SOVIET. YOU DOUBTLESS RECALL THAT EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDED AGAINST ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET HOSPITALITY AT THE TIME, ANTICIPATING THAT A PROBLEM OF

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RECIPROCITY COULD ARISE IN FUTURE. IT IS MY RECOLLECTION, HOWEVER, THE PNE DELEGATION IN FACT ACCEPTED SOVIET PAYMENT FOR LOCAL EXPENSES, AT LEAST DURING FIRST FEW SESSIONS.

2. DOES AMBASSADOR HAVE ANY FEELINGS RE BILL BROWN'S REQUEST FOR LEAVE JUNE 12 TO LONDON BRIEFINGS, AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY? MATLOCK

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